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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/765,826	Applicant(s) ROGERS ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 18-27 in the reply filed on July 2nd 2007 is acknowledged. Claims 1-17 and 28-43 are withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 18-21 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,044,170 to Migdal et al.

With regard to claim 18, Migdal discloses a method, comprising:

determining topography information regarding a client's face by moving a scanning head of a non-contact scanning device relative to the client (column 4, lines 45-57 and column 18, lines 7-64) ;

determining position information of the scanning head as the scanning head is moving (column 4, lines 45-57); and

determining a computerized model of the client's face by correlating the determined position information and the determined topography information (column 18, lines 7-64).

Migdal discloses creating a 3D model of objects from a scanning device that projects patterned light onto a surface and uses imaged projections to obtain 3-dimensional data. Migdal also gives the example of creating a 3D model of a person's face.

With regard to claim 19, Migdal discloses the method of claim 18, further comprising modifying the computerized model of the client's face (column 18, lines 21-64). Migdal discloses modifying the face model by reducing the number of mesh points in flatter areas.

With regard to claim 20, Migdal discloses the method of claim 18, further comprising modifying the computerized model of the client's face with user input (column 18, lines 29-38).

With regard to claim 21, Migdal discloses the method of claim 18, further comprising modifying the computerized model of the client's face with computer-assisted interpolation (column 19, lines 1-18).

With regard to claim 23, Migdal discloses a method, comprising:

determining topography information regarding a client's face by moving a scanning head of a non-contact scanning device relative to the client (column 4, lines 45-57 and column 18, lines 7-64) ;

substantially simultaneously determining position information of the scanning head and capturing topography information while moving the scanning head (column 4, lines 45-57); and

determining a computerized model of the client's face by correlating the determined position information and the determined topography information (column 18, lines 7-64).

Migdal discloses creating a 3D model of objects from a scanning device that projects patterned light onto a surface and uses imaged projections to obtain 3-dimensional data. Migdal also gives the example of creating a 3D model of a person's face. The position information is considered to be determined substantially simultaneously as the light patterns are projected and imaged simultaneously.

With regard to claims 24-26, the discussions of claims 19-21 apply respectively Migdal discloses.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 22 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent 6,044,170 to Migdal and the Applicant disclosed Publication A3 in the submitted IDS entitled "Fabrication of Total-Contact Burn Masks by Use of Human body Topography and Computer-Aided Design and Manufacturing." By Whitestone et al, hereinafter referred to as Whitestone.

With regard to claims 22 and 27, Migdal discloses the method of claims 18 and 23, but does not disclose the step of taking the 3D model data gathered and using it to manufacture a solid model. Whitestone discloses sending a computerized model of the client's face to a computerized manufacturing device to form a solid model (p. 545, left column). Whitestone teaches that the 3D data is sent to a manufacturing device that uses the 3D data to carve out the shape of the 3D face data. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the 3D data gathered by Migdal in creating solid mask as taught by Whitestone in order to create a manufactured solid product.

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wes Tucker whose telephone number is 571-272-7427. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-5PM.

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